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FAMILY VALUES GROUP GIVES ISTOOK 100% RATING

Scoring 100% on the scorecard for the Christian Coalition for his votes in Congress is Oklahoma Congressman Ernest Istook, (R-5th District).

The Coalition ranked members of Congress based on 14 votes on a variety of topics reflecting societal values. The topics included taxes, term limits, abortion and homosexual issues.

"A lot of political leaders have recently started to give lip-service to family values and traditional values. But action speaks louder than words, which is why voting records are important; they show just what values are actually being supported. Trends in Washington and in Hollywood reflect the massive efforts to re-shape the cultural foundation of America. This is no time for anybody to sit on the fence on these issues," Istook said.

"The Clinton Administration has made the U.S. Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, their symbol of the cultural conflict in America. She and others are talking about legalizing drugs and are implementing programs in which the government promotes sex outside of marriage and de-emphasizes the role of parents."

"That is not what the families of Oklahoma want or need."

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